

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 to 12 and add new Claims 13 to 16 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus, connected to a host device over a network, for creating image ~~forming~~ data based on PDL image data received from a host device and forming said [[an]] image based on said ~~corresponding image forming~~ data, comprising:

rasterization means for generating image data from PDL data received over said network;

storage means for storing image data corresponding to the image data generated by said rasterization means;

calibration means for executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

control means for determining whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming data stored in the storage means simultaneously at least creating said image forming data, if said calibration means is executing the calibration process when image data is received from said host device.

2. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, ~~said image forming apparatus being connected to said host device over a network and further comprising:~~

~~rasterization means for reconstructing image data from PDL data received over said network;~~

~~storage means for storing image data reconstructed by said rasterization means;~~
~~and~~

image forming means for forming the ~~[[an]]~~ image based on the image data stored in said storage means, wherein said control means determines ~~has a discrimination means for determining~~ whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the ~~[[when]]~~ image data is stored in said storage means and, ~~if said discrimination means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming means in a standby state and, after the execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming an image and, if said control~~ discrimination means determines that the ~~[[a]]~~ calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows ~~[[lets]]~~ said image forming apparatus ~~means~~ to start forming the image.

3. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim ~~[[1 or]]~~ 2, wherein said image forming means is a color image forming means ~~apparatus~~ for forming an image by ~~through~~ an electrophotographic method.

4. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim [[1 or]] 2, wherein said image forming means is a color image forming ~~means~~ apparatus for forming an image ~~by through~~ an ink jet method.

5. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus, connected to a host device over a network, for creating image ~~forming~~ data based on fax-received data received from a host device and forming said [[an]] image based on said ~~corresponding image forming~~ data, comprising:

interpretation means for interpreting fax-received data received over the network;

storage means for storing image data corresponding to the image data interpreted by said interpretation means;

calibration means for executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

control means for determining whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming data stored in the storage means ~~simultaneously at least creating said image forming data, if said calibration means is executing the calibration process when fax-received data is received from said host device.~~

6. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim 5, ~~said image forming apparatus being connected to said host device over a network and further comprising:~~

~~interpretation means for interpreting fax-received data received over the network;~~

~~storage means for storing image data interpreted by said interpretation means; and~~

~~image forming means for forming the [[an]] image based on the image data stored in said storage means, wherein said control means determines ~~has a discrimination means for determining~~ whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the [[when]] image data is stored in said storage means and, if ~~said discrimination means determines~~ that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming means in a standby state and, after the execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming an image and, if said control discrimination means determines that the [[a]] calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows [[lets]] said image forming means to start forming the image.~~

7. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim [[5 or]] 6, wherein said image forming means is an image forming means ~~apparatus~~ for forming an image ~~by through~~ an electrophotographic method.

8. (Currently amended) An image forming apparatus according to claim [[5 or]] 6, wherein said image forming means is a color image forming means ~~apparatus~~ for forming an image ~~by through~~ an ink jet method.

9. (Currently amended) An image forming method for creating image forming data based on PDL image data received from a host device and forming said ~~[[an]]~~ image based on said image forming data in an image forming apparatus being connected to said host device over a network, comprising:

a rasterizing step of generating image data from PDL data received over said network;

a storing step of storing in a storage means image data generated in said rasterizing step;

a calibrating ~~calibration~~ step of ~~[[for]]~~ executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

a control step of using a control means to determine whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image forming data is stored in storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control step allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming data stored in the storage means ~~for simultaneously at least creating said image forming data, if said calibration means is executing the calibration process when image data is received from said host device.~~

10. (Currently amended) An image forming method according to claim 9, ~~said image forming apparatus being connected to said host device over a network and further comprising:~~

~~rasterization means for reconstructing image data from PDL data received over said network;~~

~~storage means for storing image data reconstructed by said rasterization means;~~

and

~~an image forming step of means for forming the [[an]] image based on the image data stored in said storage means, wherein said control step determines ~~has a discrimination step for determining~~ whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the [[when]] image forming data is stored in said storage means and, if ~~said discrimination step determines that a calibration process is being executed~~, said control step puts said image forming means in a standby state and, after the execution of said calibration process is completed, said control step allows said image forming means to start forming an image and, if said control step discrimination means determines that the [[a]] calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows ~~step lets~~ said image forming apparatus means to start forming the image.~~

11. (Currently amended) An image forming method for creating image forming data based on fax-received data received from a host device and forming the [[an]] image based on said image forming data in an image forming apparatus being connected to said host device over a network, comprising:

an interpretation step of interpreting fax-received data received over the network;

a storing step of storing image data corresponding to the image data interpreted by said interpretation step in a storage means;

a calibrating ~~calibration~~ step of [[for]] executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

a control step of using a control means to determine whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image forming data is stored in said storage means and, if said control step determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after the execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming data stored in the storage means ~~for simultaneously at least creating said image forming data, if said calibration means is executing the calibration process when fax-received data is received from said host device.~~

12. (Currently amended) An image forming method according to claim 11, ~~said image forming apparatus being connected to said host device over a network and further comprising:~~

~~interpretation means for interpreting fax-received data received over the network;~~
~~storage means for storing image data interpreted by said interpretation means; and~~
~~an image forming step of means for forming the [[an]] image based on the image data stored in said storage means, wherein said control step determines~~ has a discrimination means for determining whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the [[when]] image data is stored in said storage means and, if said discrimination means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control step puts said image forming means in a standby state and, after the execution of said calibration process is completed, said control step allows said image forming means to start forming an image and, if said control step discrimination means determines that the [[a]] calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows step lets said image forming apparatus means to start forming the image.

13. (New) A computer-readable medium including an instruction code for executing an image forming method for creating image data based on PDL data received from a host device and forming said image based on said image data in an image forming apparatus being connected to said host device over a network, said method comprising:

a rasterizing step of generating image data from PDL data received over said network;

a storing step of storing image data generated by said rasterizing step in a storage means;

a calibrating step of executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

a control step of using a control means to determine whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image forming data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming data stored in the storage means.

14. (New) A computer-readable medium including an instruction code for executing an image forming method for creating image data based on fax-received data received from a host device and forming the image based on said image data in an image forming apparatus connected to said host device over a network, said method comprising:

an interpreting step of interpreting fax-received data received over the network;

a storing step of storing image data corresponding to the image data interpreted by said interpretation step in a storage means;

a calibrating step of executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus; and

a control step of using a control means to determine whether or not a calibration process is being executed on the condition that the image forming data is stored in said storage means and, if said control step determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming apparatus in a standby state for forming the image and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows forming of the image to start based on the image forming data stored in the storage means.

15. (New) An image forming apparatus, connected to a host device over a network, for creating image data based on image data received from said host device and forming an image based on said image data, said apparatus comprising:

rasterizing means for reconstructing image data from PDL data received over said network;

storage means for storing image data reconstructed by said rasterizing means;

calibrating means for executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus;

image forming means for forming an image based on the image data stored in said storage means; and

control means for determining whether or not a calibration process is being executed when image data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming means in a standby state and, after execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming an image and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming the image.

16. (New) An image forming apparatus, connected to a host device over a network, for creating image data based on fax-received data received from said host device and forming an image based on said image data, said apparatus comprising:

interpreting means for interpreting fax-received data received over the network;

storage means for storing image data interpreted by said interpreting means; and

calibrating means for executing a calibration process for setting particular image output characteristics for said image forming apparatus;

image forming means for forming an image based on the image data stored in said storage means; and

control means for determining whether or not a calibration process is being executed when image data is stored in said storage means and, if said control means determines that a calibration process is being executed, said control means puts said image forming means in a standby state and, after the execution of said calibration process is completed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming an image and, if said control means

determines that a calibration process is not being executed, said control means allows said image forming means to start forming the image.